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July 27, 2011

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT 7009 3410 0001 4203 1904

John Gefferth Consolidation Coal Co. P. O. Box 566 Sesser, Illinois 62884

Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N 10088, Emery Deep Mine, C/015/0015,

Task ID #3865, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Gefferth:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under R645-401.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. The violation was issued by Division Inspector, Steve Christensen, on June 30, 2011. Rule R645-401-600 et. seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Under R645-401-700, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the <u>fact of this violation</u>, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.



2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph 1, the Assessment Conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of violation will stand, the proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Suzanne Steab.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Helfrich Assessment Officer

Enclosure

cc.

OSM Compliance Report Suzanne Steab, DOGM Vicki Bailey, DOGM Price Field Office

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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

COMI	PANY / MINE	Emery Deep Mine					
PERM	MIT <u>C/015/00</u>	15 NOV / CO#	N 10088	VIOLATION	_1_ of _1		
ASSE	SSMENT DA	TE <u>July 27, 2011</u>					
ASSE	SSMENT OFF	FICER Joe Helfrich					
I.	HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.)					
	A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall of (1) year of today's date?						
	PREVIOUS	VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINT	TS		
	N10071 N10055 N10056 N10057		12/05/2010 08/14/2010 08/14/2010 08/14/2010		$\begin{array}{c} \underline{1} \\ \underline{1} \\ \underline{1} \\ \underline{1} \end{array}$		
	1 point for each past violation, up to one (1) year 5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one (1) year No pending notices shall be counted						
			TOTA	AL HISTORY	POINTS 4		
II.	<u>SERIOUSN</u>	ESS (Either A or B)					
NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:							

NOTE:

- Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will 1. determine within each category where the violation falls.
- Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the Assessment Officer will 2. adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an EVENT (A) or HINDRANCE (B) violation? Event

EVENT VIOLATION (Max 45 pts.) A.

What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? 1.

2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE 0-25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

- B. HINDRANCE VIOLATION (Max 25 pts.)
 - Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? Actual RANGE 0-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS ____18__

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** According to the information in the inspector statement: "The permittee failed to provide the required water monitoring data as outlined in Table VI-17 on page VI-56 of the approved MRP. An oil and grease concentration was not reported for surface water monitoring sites SWMS-1A, SWMS-2, 3, 9 and 10 for the fourth quarter of 2010. Additionally, water quality data was not submitted for monitoring wells Kemmerer-L, SM1-3, SM1-4 and T1-B for the fourth quarter 2010 as required".

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 18

III. NEGLIGENCE (Max 30 pts.)

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO--NO NEGLIGENCE; or, was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO--GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater Degree of Fault

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS 20

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

*** According to the information in the inspector statement: The permittee was in violation of a specific permit condition, that being the requirement to conduct quarterly monitoring and enter the data in the Division's database. The approved MRP establishes the water monitoring requirements in Table VI-17 on page VI-56. The water monitoring requirements were not followed. The permittee was previously notified of the need to meet these requirements by way of several "E" mails from the Division.

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.)

(Either A or B)

(Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures)

A. Did the operator have onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area?

IF SO--EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

X Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

X Rapid Compliance -1 to -10 (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

X Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
(Operator complied with condition and/or terms of

approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

^{*}Assign in upper of lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance?

IF SO--DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

Difficult Abatement Situation

X Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

X Normal Compliance -1 to -10*

(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

X Extended Compliance 0

(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard of the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete) (Permittee complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Difficult, plans were required

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS 0

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

***Good faith will be evaluated on the permittee's diligence in abating the violation that is due on the 29th of August 2011.

V. <u>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY</u>

NOTICE OF VIOLATION # N 10088

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	4
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	18
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	20
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	0
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	42

TOTAL ASSESSED FINE \$ 2,420